

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3 Before The Honorable Lisa J. Cisneros, Magistrate Judge
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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
6 Plaintiff,)
7 vs.) No. CR 21-00463-VC
8 ALBERT COLLINS,)
9 Defendant.)
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11 San Francisco, California
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1 Monday, August 5, 2024

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4 THE CLERK: We are now calling criminal matter 21-
5 CR-00463, U.S.A. v. Collins.

6 Counsel, please state your appearances for the record,
7 beginning with the Government.

8 MS. CHEN: Good morning, your Honor. Christine
9 Chen for the United States.

10 THE COURT: Good morning.

11 MS. BISCHOF: And, good morning, your Honor.
12 Gabriela Bischof specially appearing today with the Federal
13 Defenders Office.

14 MR. MAYNOR: Good morning, your Honor. Kevin
15 Maynor with U.S. Probation.

16 THE COURT: So, Mr. Collins, you're here this
17 morning because the probation office has accused you of
18 violating certain terms of your supervised release, so we're
19 holding an initial appearance. We'll make sure that you're
20 advised of the charges against you and of your rights.

21 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible).

22 THE COURT: Well, you should ask your
23 (indiscernible), first, just so that (indiscernible).

24 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible).

25 MS. BISCHOF: So, this is a fair point. Mr.

1 Collins communicated that he's been in custody for four
2 weeks and hasn't been brought up for his appearance and he's
3 wondering why. I wasn't aware of his case until this
4 morning, so I'm not sure what the answer to that is.

5 THE COURT: I'm not aware that he's been in
6 custody that long, but -- (indiscernible). Excuse me
7 (indiscernible). So, it looks like it wasn't set until the
8 2nd. I received an email from the Marshals on the 1st.

9 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible).

10 THE COURT: I received an email on Friday, October
11 (indiscernible). Yeah, I'm not sure why you were only
12 brought here (indiscernible).

13 THE DEFENDANT: Four weeks. So basically they had
14 four weeks to come up with what they're coming up with. So
15 I'm just trying to figure out why wasn't I in court.

16 THE COURT: Okay. I'm not sure why there was a --
17 you know, the amount of time between his arrest on July 7th,
18 2024.

19 THE DEFENDANT: See, the paperwork is wrong. The
20 paperwork is wrong. It says July 10th.

21 THE COURT: (Indiscernible) executed --

22 THE DEFENDANT: I was in there July 7th. So why
23 was it written July 10th?

24 MS. BISCHOF: Because (Indiscernible).

25 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible) four weeks --

1 THE COURT: You haven't had an appearance
2 (indiscernible) --

3 MR. MAYNOR: So I think Mr. Collins was in state
4 custody for some period. I'm not sure when the state --
5 like what happened with the state. And then, I'm not sure
6 when there was an lapse in when the Marshals brought him to
7 federal court. I don't know the time line.

8 THE COURT: Well the petition -- you have a state
9 case pending against you?

10 MS. BISCHOF: So my understanding is that the
11 state case was dropped within 72 hours of Mr. Collins'
12 initial arrest, which was July 7th. So the only thing
13 holding him in custody would have been the federal hold on
14 this petition and I think that is an argument that the Court
15 should take into consideration on Wednesday, when Mr.
16 Collins has his detention hearing with his attorney.
17 Unfortunately, our office has a conflict, and so we will be
18 asking to set the case over for detention hearing and ID of
19 counsel on Wednesday's -- his prior attorney with the panel,
20 Scott Sugarman, retired. So he's not able to take the case
21 back.

22 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, we'll put
23 this on for Wednesday. I will figure out what happened and
24 (indiscernible) your attorney (indiscernible).

25 THE DEFENDANT: Will she be my attorney? You're

1 not appointed as my attorney?

2 MS. BISCHOF: No.

3 THE COURT: Well, Federal Defenders has a
4 conflict, so their offices aren't able to represent you. So
5 we're going to wait on Wednesday for an attorney on CJA.

6 So, let's set that date. I don't know if it's possible
7 to have this heard tomorrow.

8 MS. BISCHOF: I don't know that we can get someone
9 and have them available to interview Mr. Collins to get all
10 of the information they're going to need for -- for the
11 detention hearing argument by then.

12 THE COURT: All right. So there's no appointment
13 of counsel, but can we proceed with giving him the initial
14 appearance?

15 MS. BISCHOF: Yes.

16 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Collins, do you
17 understand the posture of your case at this point,
18 (indiscernible) officer charged in a petition, we call it a
19 Form 12, and the probation office has asked for the hearing
20 to determine whether your supervised release should be
21 revoked. And if the Court finds that you violated terms of
22 your supervised release, your probation may be revoked.
23 This could lead to a new sentence or supervision could be
24 modified or extended, or new conditions could be imposed.

25 (Indiscernible), please state your true name.

1 THE DEFENDANT: Albert Burnell Collins, Jr.

2 THE COURT: Okay. And what's your age?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I'm 28, August 14, 1995. I
4 believe they have it as 1994.

5 MS. BISCHOF: He's saying that he thinks that the
6 birth date that he's been charged under is off by the year.

7 THE COURT: Okay. We'll check that indication and
8 make sure the information is corrected.

9 You have the right to remain silent. This means you're
10 not required to say anything. If you make a statement, you
11 do not need to say anything more. If you start to make a
12 statement, you may stop at anytime. Anything you say can
13 be used against you.

14 You have the right to an attorney. You have the right
15 to be represented at all stages of the proceedings in and
16 out of court, including during questioning by
17 (indiscernible). If you cannot obtain an attorney, one may
18 be appointed for you without cost, if you cannot afford one.

19 So, we're going to get counsel. You know, right now
20 you just have provisional counsel and support just for
21 today, but we'll get you to formal appointment of counsel on
22 Wednesday.

23 So I'll ask the Government, Ms. Chen, to summarize the
24 charges and so that we can (indiscernible).

25 MS. CHEN: Of course, your Honor. (Indiscernible)

1 charges Mr. Collins with one charge, one violation, that he
2 violated the mandatory condition that you shall not commit
3 another federal, state or local crime. Specifically,
4 California Penal Section 273.5, infliction of corporal
5 injury to a spouse or cohabitant.

6 On July 7th, 2024, Oakland police officers responded to
7 a report of domestic violence. The victim reported that on
8 June 27th, 2024, Mr. Collins physically assaulted her, after
9 which she lost consciousness during the incident. She
10 received medical care and had two broken noses (sic) on her
11 face. Mr. Collins denied any wrongdoing and during the
12 interaction with the police, he became upset and yelled
13 obscenities and threatened the officers.

14 The next penalties are two years in custody and then
15 three years of supervised release, less any custody imposed
16 upon revocation. And probation (Indiscernible) the rest.

17 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible).

18 MS. BISCHOF: Mr. Collins, today is not the day
19 for --

20 THE COURT: I understand that you want to speak
21 out and you may have some strong reactions to that --

22 THE DEFENDANT: I just want to say something. I
23 want to say that --

24 MS. BISCHOF: No.

25 THE COURT: It would be in your best interest to

1 follow your attorney's advice.

2 THE DEFENDANT: But it's not about this, it's
3 about the probation (indiscernible).

4 MS. BISCHOF: And we'll (indiscernible). Today is
5 not about (indiscernible).

6 THE DEFENDANT: (Indiscernible).

7 THE COURT: Do you understand the nature of the
8 charges against you?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yep, I guess.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You have the right to have a
11 hearing on these charges. You can contest them. That
12 hearing is called a revocation hearing. The probation
13 office or the government would have the burden to satisfy
14 that you violated the terms of your supervised release.

15 You're also entitled to disclosure of the evidence
16 against you. You'd have an opportunity to appear, present
17 evidence, testify or not, and you may be permitted to
18 question any adverse government witnesses.

19 Do you understand your right to a revocation hearing?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Okay. It's also possible that the
22 government will seek to detain you. We are going to have a
23 hearing on Wednesday in response to the request that you
24 (indiscernible) while you await your revocation hearing.
25 Given that you're in custody, you could also seek a

1 preliminary hearing to determine whether or not there's
2 probable cause to even hold you for a revocation hearing.
3 At that preliminary hearing, the government must present
4 probable cause that you violated the terms of your
5 supervised release.

6 So, do you understand your right to a preliminary
7 hearing as well?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 Now, I'm going to order the probation office to turn
11 over discovery, although we don't have counsel appointed
12 just yet, so -- but when counsel is recommended on
13 Wednesday, you'll be obligated to turn over discovery
14 immediately.

15 MR. MAYNOR: Yes, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything else
17 (indiscernible) Defense?

18 MS. BISCHOF: Not today, your Honor. Thank you.

19 THE COURT: For prosecution?

20 MS. CHEN: Nothing. Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

22 So, Mr. Collins is remanded to custody, and, sir, I'm
23 going to look into what happened, as far as the date of your
24 arrest and your appearance.

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1 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you.

2 MS. BISCHOF: Thank you, your Honor.

3 MR. MAYNOR: Thank you, your Honor.

4 (Proceedings adjourned at 10:57 a.m.)

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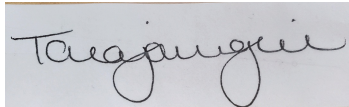
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